

# MOBILE COUNTY COMMISSION

205 Government Street  
Mobile, Alabama 36644  
PO BOX 1443  
Mobile, AL 36633

## BID INVITATION

NO. 96-11

JULY 22, 2011

In accordance with General Act No. 217, Special Session 1967, notice is hereby given that the Mobile County Commission, Mobile, Alabama, will receive bids on the following items

**ANNUAL WOOD FIBER MULCH/TACKIFIER FOR HYDRO SEEDING BID FOR MOBILE COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT AS PER ATTACHED SPECIFICATIONS:**

**NOTE: PRICES MUST REMAIN FIRM FROM OCTOBER 1, 2011 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2012**

Any questions or comments concerning the bid requirements must be brought to the attention of the Purchasing Agent, Susan Holland, 251-574-8613, 205 Government Street, 8<sup>th</sup> floor south tower, Mobile, Alabama 36644, to or at bid opening or will be forever waived.

All bidders shall furnish a five (5%) percent bid bond on any contract exceeding \$15,000: provided, that bonding is available for services, equipment or materials. Out of State Corporations shall furnish a Certificate of Authority to transact business in the State of Alabama. Out of State limited liability companies shall proof of registration to transact business in this state.

If applicable to a contract resulting from this invitation, the successful bidder must comply with the Contractor Felony Investigation Policy, available in the Purchasing Department or at mobilecountyal.gov.

This inquiry is to establish a price and a source of supply for the above listed items by Mobile County Commission and the incorporated areas therein. Purchases by political subdivisions are optional with those agencies.

**THE MOBILE COUNTY COMMISSION DOES NOT DISCRIMINATE ON THE BASIS OF RACE, AGE, SEX, NATIONAL ORIGIN, RELIGION, OR DISABILITIES.**

F.O.B. Mobile DATE OF DELIVERY \_\_\_\_\_ TERMS \_\_\_\_\_ You are invited to bid on the above specifications. The restrictions contained herein are for the purpose of fixing a quality level, and any deviation therefrom must, in detail establish that it meets the quality requirements.

**BIDS WILL BE RECEIVED UNTIL 10:00 A.M. AUGUST 10, 2011**

**ALL BIDS MUST BE SEALED, THE WORD "BID", THE BID NUMBER AND THE NAME OF THE ITEM MARKED ON THE OUTSIDE OF THE ENVELOPE. BIDS WILL BE RECEIVED BY THE RECEPTIONIST IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY COMMISSION ADMINISTRATOR, 205 GOVERNMENT STREET ON THE EIGHTH FLOOR OF THE MOBILE COUNTY GOVERNMENT PLAZA. FAILURE TO OBSERVE THE ABOVE INSTRUCTIONS WILL CONSTITUTE GROUNDS FOR REJECTION OF YOUR BID. THE COMMISSION RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REJECT ANY OR ALL BIDS.**

MOBILE COUNTY COMMISSION

  
JOHN PAFENBACH COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

We propose to meet the above specifications for the sum

of \$ SEE ATTACHED LIST.

Delivery can be made in \_\_\_\_\_ days from receipt of award.

RESPECTFULLY

BY \_\_\_\_\_

**MOBILE COUNTY COMMISSION**

**BID FORM**

*Date:* \_\_\_\_\_

*BID #96-11*

*ANNUAL WOOD FIBER MULCH/TACKIFIER FOR HYDRO SEEDING BID FOR MOBILE  
COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT:*

**Company** \_\_\_\_\_

**Company Representative** \_\_\_\_\_  
(Print)

**Company Representative** \_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature)

**Address** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**Phone number (    )** \_\_\_\_\_ **Fax number (    )** \_\_\_\_\_

**Federal ID Number** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email Address** \_\_\_\_\_

**Company Web Address** \_\_\_\_\_

ANNUAL BID FOR MOBILE COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT  
WOOD FIBER MULCH/TACKIFIER COMBINATION FOR HYDRO-SEEDING, -  
PER LB

SPECIFICATIONS FOR WOOD FIBER MULCH/TACKIFIER FOR HYDRO-  
SEEDING

1. **GENERAL**

The mulch/tackifier combination will have been independently laboratory tested for erosion control performance. Using a rainfall simulator raining at 4 inches per hour and mulch/tackifier applied at 1,600 lbs. per acre to a 2:1 (50%) slope having a soil composition of 28% sand, 49% silt and 25% clay. No combination of mulch and tackifier shall be used unless Laboratory test results based on the above conditions show the mulch/tackifier combination to average a calculated erosion rate of 5 tons per acre per hour or less.

The mulch shall include a Colloidal Polysaccharide tackifier. This tackifier shall be adhered to the fibers, during mulch manufacturing, to prevent separation during shipment and to avoid chemical agglomeration during mixing in the hydraulic mulching equipment. The tackifier shall be homogeneous within the unit package. It shall have no growth or germination inhibiting factors and shall be nontoxic.

The mulch material shall consist of pure wood fibers manufactured expressly from clean wood chips. The chips shall be processed in such a manner as to contain no lead paint, varnish, printing ink, petroleum based compounds or seed germination inhibitors. Fiber shall not be produced from unknown origin recycled material such as sawdust, paper, cardboard, or residue from chlorine bleached pulp and paper mills.

The cellulose wood fibers of mulch must maintain uniform suspension in water under agitation and shall blend with grass seed, fertilizer and other additives to form a homogeneous slurry. Upon application, the mulch material shall form a blotter-like mat covering the ground. This mat shall have the characteristics of water absorption and percolation and shall cover and bond grass seed in contact with the soil.

The wood fiber mulch shall be dyed green to aid visual metering during application. The dye shall be biodegradable and not inhibit plant growth.

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|---|-----------------------------|
| • Percent moisture content (maximum)  | 12.5% $\pm$ 3.00%           |
| • Percent organic matter (wood fiber)   | 96.2% $\pm$ 0.8% O.D. Basis |
| • Percent ash content   | 0.8 $\pm$ 0.2% O.D. Basis   |
| • PH  | 4.8 $\pm$ 0.5               |
| • Water holding capacity (minimum)<br>(Grams of water per 100 grams of fiber) | 1,000                       |

The wood fiber mulch shall be packaged in units not exceeding 60 lbs. and be suitable for outdoor storage up to six months. The package shall contain on current labels, the manufacturer's name and address, net weight, and customer service telephone number.

2. **PAYMENT**

Payment will be made on a monthly basis. Invoices shall be submitted to Mobile County Road and Bridge Department, 1200 Schillinger Road North, Mobile, AL 36608. Invoices should include certification of Conformity with the specifications outlined above in the **GENERAL** section.

3. **RESPONSIBLE PARTY AS REPRESENTATIVE OF SUPPLIER**

Upon notice of award, each supplier shall provide written notice to the County Engineer of the responsible party and at least one alternate as the person to contact for placement of orders and for settlement of disputes.

4. **BID**

Note: Bids effective from October 1, 2011 through September 30, 2012.

WOOD FIBER MULCH/TACKIFIER COMBINATION FOR HYDRO-SEEDING  
\$ \_\_\_\_\_ PER LB

\_\_\_\_\_  
COMPANY NAME

\_\_\_\_\_  
REPRESENTATIVE NAME

\_\_\_\_\_  
REPRESENTATIVE SIGNATURE